



CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESS

A GUIDE TO CONFIDENTIAL ADDRESSES IN THE FAMILY COURT

FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

<https://courts.delaware.gov/family>

If the Court grants your Motion for Confidential Address, you must be mindful to **NOT** place your address on a future filing. If you place your address on a future filing, it is no longer confidential.

How do I have the Court keep my address Confidential in a Protection from Abuse (PFA) matter?

You must ask that it be kept confidential on your Petition for PFA AND you must allege that disclosure would endanger the petitioner(s). You **DO NOT** need to file a motion.

How do I request that my address remain confidential in any other matter?

To request that your address remain confidential, you must file Form - 470, Motion for Confidential Address.

Please note that this form includes 3 pages:

- Motion for Confidential Address
- Notice of Motion
- Order (leave this page blank for the Court to complete)

A copy of all three pages must be mailed to the other party by first class or certified mail.

How does the Court keep my address confidential?

Information related to your address is kept by the Court in a separate envelope so that it is not accessible when the file is viewed. Additionally, the Court will not place your address on any Court documents.

How will the Court decide my Motion for Confidential Address?

On your Motion, you must state why you are requesting that your address remain confidential. The Court will decide whether to grant or deny your request. The decision will be made based upon what is written in the Motion for Confidential Address and any responses. The primary reason to request a confidential address is for purposes of safety.

How long will my address remain confidential?

Your address is confidential only until the Court revokes the Order granting a confidential address OR until you place your address on a future filing.

NOTE: If you've been accepted into **the Address Confidentiality Program by the Delaware Department of Justice**, you should provide your P.O. Box as your address on Court forms. If your address has been deemed confidential by any other agency, including the Division of Child Support Services, it will **ONLY** become confidential with Family Court if you file the Motion for Confidential Address **AND** the Court grants your motion and orders that your address be marked confidential.